

CITY OF SAN DIEGO HISTORICAL RESOURCES BOARD

ARCHAEOLOGY SUBCOMMITTEE

Monday, February 13, 2012, at 4:00 PM
Development Services Building, 1222 First Avenue
Fifth Floor, Conference Room 5C, San Diego, CA

The Archaeology Subcommittee is a subcommittee of the City of San Diego's Historical Resources Board. It is primarily composed of Historical Resources Board members who have expertise or are interested in pre-contact and historic archeology and cultural landscapes. The Subcommittee is not a voting entity, but rather a forum for discussing issues and solutions related to historic resources and their preservation. Comments at the meeting do not predispose future positions on any matter or project by the Historical Resources Board.

Members of the public will be allowed an opportunity to speak, for up to one minute each, at the end of the Subcommittee's discussion on an agenda item. Each member of the public is required to state their name and the organization (if any) that they represent prior to their one minute presentation.

MEETING AGENDA

1. Introductions
2. Public Comment (on matters not on the agenda)
3. Various Issues:

3a. Medullary Study of Presidio Bird Bone: As part of the Presidio Bird Bone Study, the investigators are requesting permission to conduct additional studies in order to determine whether the females were in an egg-laying state at time of death. Female birds produce a specialized form of secondary bone, called medullary bone, in the interior part of long bones, which serves as a calcium store for the production of egg shells during the laying period. Because many of the recovered chicken bones are complete, there is not a large sample for the study of medullary bone without using destructive techniques. The investigators are proposing the following procedure: 1) before the bone is sawn, it will be weighed, measured and photographed, 2) after the bone is sawn and inspected, both parts will be put in a separate bag which will be returned to the original bone bag, 3) each sawn bone will be noted in the database, and 4) for public exhibits the sawn bones can be neatly adhered together. It is anticipated that the damage will be very minor but the outcome can be profoundly important in shedding light on the lifeways of the Presidio inhabitants.

3b. Issues of Concern to Local Native Americans: The Archaeology Subcommittee will hear public comment and discuss unresolved issues of concern to local Native Americans. This meeting will continue the discussions from previous meetings. An updated Issues matrix will be provided at the meeting.

4. Adjourn

Next Archaeology Subcommittee Meeting will be on May 14, 2012 at 4:00 PM.

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